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Speech of

Abraham Lincoln

National Cemetery, Gettysburg, Pa.

November 19, 1863

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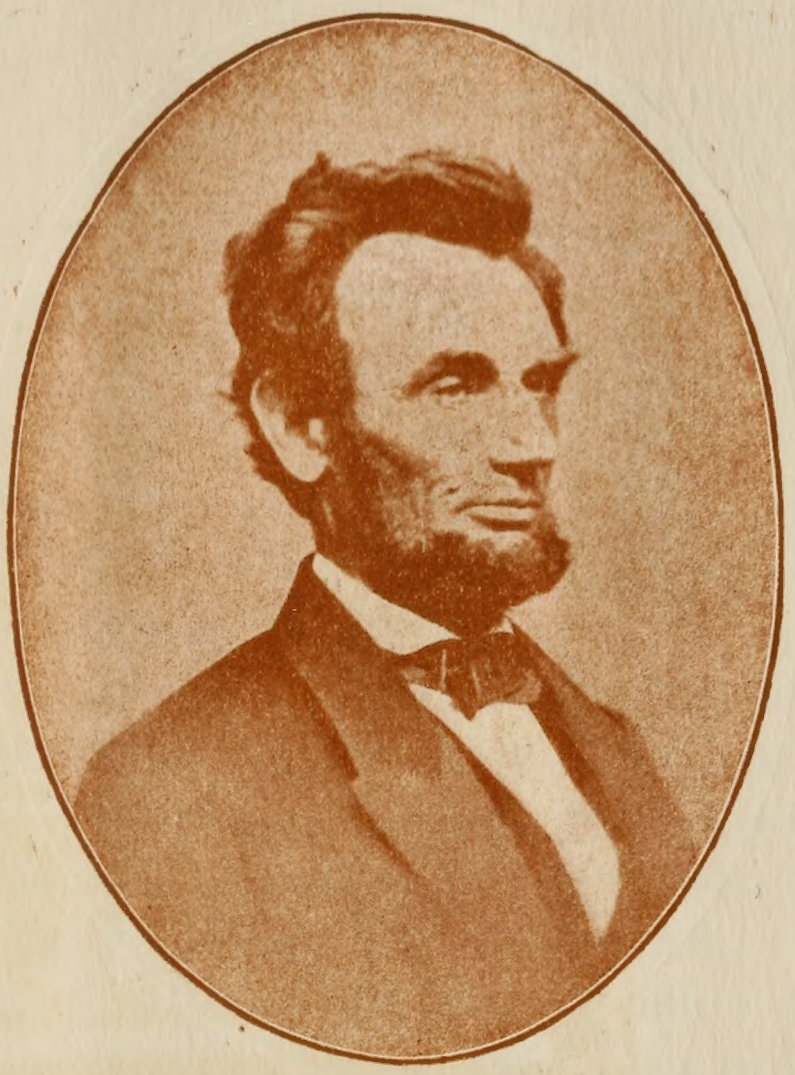

Abraham Lincoln was born in Hardin County, Kentucky
February 12, 1809
Died in Washington, April 14, 1865

HIS sense of honor was of the highest type. His honesty was not prompted by fear of God nor Law; Nature made him so. Reared in the woods; cheered by the sweet songs of birds and the silver tones of his axe, and encouraged by his hungry soul, he hewed his way to the highest public trust within the gift of his people. ¶ Every one should study his career. It would tend to stimulate the youth to do good, and hold in check the bad instincts existing in the most of us.

FRED A. MILLS,
President Lincoln Republican Club

February 9, 1907

Address of Abraham Lincoln

Sixteenth President of the United States

delivered at the dedication of National Cemetery at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, November 19, '63

OURSCORE & seven years ago, our fathers brought forth upon this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. ¶ Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. ¶ But in a larger sense we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here; but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought

here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us; that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom; and that government of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

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